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CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A dyed microdenier fabric being comprised of conjugate filaments that have been mechanically separated along their lengths into first elementary filaments and second elementary filaments, said second elementary filaments being of a different filament material than said first elementary filaments are longitudinally separable into elementary filaments and having at least a first elementary filament material and a second elementary filament material, wherein said first elementary filaments material is are selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10 and are at least partially chemically degraded and said second elementary filaments material is are dyed.
2. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said first elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10.~~
3. (Currently amended) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 2 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6.
4. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said second elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyurethanes, polyolefins, and acrylic polymers.
5. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 4 wherein said second elementary filament is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and polylactic acid (PLA).
6. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 5 wherein said second elementary filaments is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
7. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 5 wherein said second elementary filaments are dyed with disperse dyes.~~

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8. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6 and said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
9. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is treated with a hand-building agent.
10. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is treated with a soil release agent.
11. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 1 wherein said conjugate filaments are continuous.
12. (Currently amended) A dyed microdenier fabric having outer surfaces and an interior surface, said dyed fabric being comprised of conjugate filaments that have been mechanically separated along their lengths into first elementary filaments and second elementary filaments, said second elementary filaments being of a different filament material than said first elementary filaments are longitudinally separable into elementary filaments and having at least a first elementary filament material and a second elementary filament material, wherein said first elementary filaments material is selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10 and are at least partially chemically degraded and said second elementary filaments material is are dyed, and said first filament material is substantially concentrated in the interior surface of said dyed fabric.
13. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said first elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10.~~
14. (Currently amended) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 ~~43~~ wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6.
15. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said second elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyurethanes, polyolefins, and acrylic polymers.

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16. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 15 wherein said second elementary filament is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and polylactic acid (PLA).
17. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 16 wherein said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
18. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 16 wherein said second elementary filaments are dyed with disperse dyes.~~
19. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6 and said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
20. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said fabric is treated with a hand-building agent.
21. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said fabric is treated with a soil release agent.
22. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 12 wherein said conjugate filaments are continuous.
23. (Currently amended) A dyed microdenier fabric having outer surfaces and an interior surface, said dyed fabric being comprised of conjugate filaments that have been mechanically separated along their lengths into first elementary filaments and second elementary filaments, said second elementary filaments being of a different filament material than said first elementary filaments are longitudinally separable into elementary filaments and having at least a first elementary filament material and a second elementary filament material, wherein said first elementary filaments material is are selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6.6, nylon 11, and nylon 6.10 and are at least partially chemically degraded and said second elementary filaments material is are dyed, and wherein said second filament material has a substantially wedge-shaped cross-section and a dpf of less than 0.3.

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24. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said first elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10.~~
25. (Currently amended) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 24 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6.
26. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said second elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyurethanes, polyolefins, and acrylic polymers.
27. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 26 wherein said second elementary filament is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and polylactic acid (PLA).
28. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 27 wherein said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
29. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed fabric of Claim 27 wherein said second elementary filaments are dyed with disperse dyes.~~
30. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6 and said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
31. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said fabric is treated with a hand-building agent.
32. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said fabric is treated with a soil release agent.
33. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 23 wherein said conjugate filaments are continuous.

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34. (Currently amended) A dyed nonwoven fabric being comprised of continuous conjugate filaments that have been mechanically separated along their lengths into first elementary filaments and second elementary filaments, said second elementary filaments being of a different filament material than said first elementary filaments are longitudinally separable into elementary filaments and having at least a first elementary filament material and a second elementary filament material, wherein said first elementary filaments material is are selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10 and are at least partially chemically degraded and said second elementary filaments material is are dyed.
35. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 34 wherein said first elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 11, and nylon 6,10.~~
36. (Currently amended) The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 34 35 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6.
37. (Original) The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 34 wherein said second elementary filament is selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyurethanes, polyolefins, and acrylic polymers.
38. (Original) The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 37 wherein said second elementary filament is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), and polylactic acid (PLA).
39. (Original) The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 38 wherein said second elementary filaments is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
40. (Cancelled) ~~The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 38 wherein said second elementary filaments are dyed with disperse dyes.~~

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41. (Original) The dyed nonwoven fabric of Claim 34 wherein said first elementary filament is nylon 6 and said second elementary filament is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
42. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 34 wherein said fabric is treated with a hand-building agent.
43. (Original) The dyed fabric of Claim 34 wherein said fabric is treated with a soil release agent.